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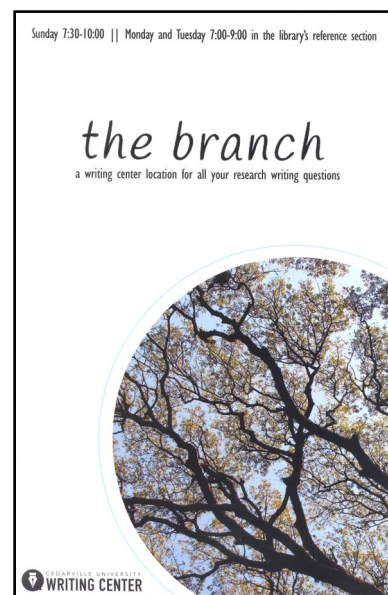
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Writing Center opens a "Branch" in the Library

The Writing Center, a service of the Department of English, Literature, and Modern Languages, is now providing assistance to students in the Library. Called "The Branch," this service operates three nights a week at the library's Research Center for several hours a night with Writing Center tutors providing writing assistance to students on a walk-up basis. Currently, tutors are on duty on Sunday evening from 7:30 to 10:00, and on Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00. This partnership is the result of the library staff seeking opportunities for increasing collaboration with other student academic support services, especially those that might be interested in offering some of their services in the Library.

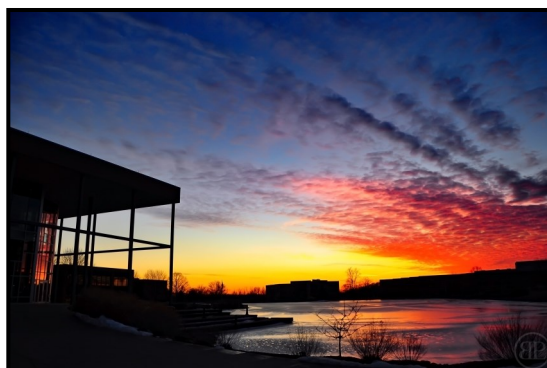
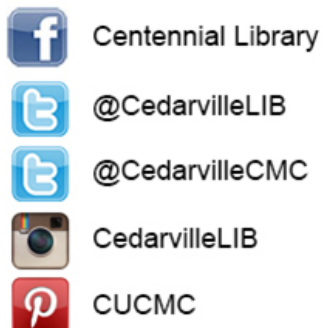


"Winter in the Ville" photo contest & "Read-a-latte" reading contest highlight February activities

Winter weather has proved no deterrent to library marketing efforts, and in fact, the initial events for the semester were designed with cold weather in mind. The first was a student photo contest with the theme of "Winter in the Ville". Students were invited to submit photos in five possible categories and over 50 students responded with 84 total photographs. Photos were displayed near the library main entrance as well as in the MediaPLEX. Dan Sternsher's Digital Photography class judged the photos and awarded a "Best in Show" prize, as well as winners and runner-ups in each category. The Best in Show picture, "Ice Cold Sunset", won Benjamin Lucas a pizza dinner, while the category winners won a large pizza each, and the runner-up winners secured a Rinnova drink.

Coffee also featured prominently in the other February event, "Read-A-Latte." This reading contest encouraged students to enter a weekly drawing for a chance to win a Rinnova beverage. Students earned entries for the drawing by reading books, rating their books, and providing short reviews.

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Upcoming marketing events include a "March Madness book bracket," National Library Week in April, "400 Minutes of Shakespeare" on April 22, and the popular spring finals week event, "Lounge at the Library."

Best of Show
"Ice Cold Sunset"
By Benjamin Lucas

Reserve services expanded

The high cost of a college education is a hotly debated topic in higher education. While the library doesn't have a direct role to play in reducing student costs, the financial burden on students can be eased by providing lower-cost access to the resources they need for classes. One means of assisting students is by placing textbooks on reserve in the library. Commonly, a number of textbooks are regularly on reserve at the circulation desk, but this semester, print reserves services were expanded to make available more textbooks used in more classes. Currently, 380 items are on reserve for over 100 classes compared to a more typical 150 to 175 items in up to 45 classes in previous semesters. Initial feedback from students and faculty members has been positive and has raised awareness about the value of library reserve services. Those interested in more information on this service should contact **Josh Michael**, *Director of Public Services*.

Highly popular book sale coming in March

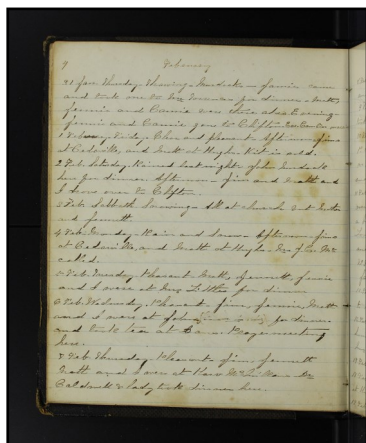
The Centennial Library's Annual Book Sale will be held from Tuesday, March 29, through Friday, April 1, on the lower level of the library. This year's selection of theological and religious books will be especially broad thanks to gifts from members of the university family and from local church pastoral libraries. Education, history and political science, sociology, and psychology books will also be available in abundance along with a good representation from many other subject areas. Doors will open at 7:45 on March 29th. Questions about the book sale can be directed to **Julie Deardorff**, *Director of Collection Services*.



DigitalCommons updates

New rare book scanner advances digital services capabilities

In order to expand the library's scanning and digitizing capabilities, an ATIZ BookDrive Mini rare book scanner was recently purchased for Digital Services. Connected to a computer, the software, dual Canon cameras, and special lighting allow for quick scanning of pages in a safe V-shaped book cradle, holding the books open at a non-stressful angle. This design allows for the safe scanning of rare and fragile materials; before the scanner was purchased, these types of materials would generally have to be sent for scanning to a vendor specializing in handling them. Eventually, the plan is to make this scanning service available to students and faculty who might desire to have materials digitized that require special care. Questions about scanner services can be directed to **Greg Martin**, *Digital Commons Director*.



McMillan Journals scanning project launched

With the arrival of the new rare book scanner, a major project was undertaken to digitize handwritten journals from the Martha McMillan Journal collection housed in the University Archives. On January 15, 1867, her wedding day, Martha, a farmer's wife living 4 miles outside of Cedarville, would begin writing in her journal daily, and she would maintain that practice until two weeks before her death in August, 1913. The result is 46 years of journals, comprising over 8,000 pages. Being able to scan these fragile journals will now allow more effective exploration of their content. The text of the journals from 1867 to 1887 can now be viewed on-line at the [McMillan Journals website](http://www.mcmillan-journals.org). More will be available as the scanning continues.

Latest Biblical Heritage Gallery exhibit brings back the first exhibit from 2008

The inaugural 2008 exhibit in the Biblical Heritage Gallery in the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies is currently being repeated featuring items from the Centennial Library's Bible Heritage collection. The exhibit, designed by **Lynn Brock**, *Dean of Library Services and University Archivist*, is entitled "Born out of Persecution: the History of the English Printed Bible." The items in the exhibit document the English translation of the Bible from the work of William Tyndale in the early 16th century to the completion of the King James Version of the Bible, first published in 1611. The presentation uses original pages from a Tyndale New Testament [1536], a Coverdale Bible [1551], a Matthew's Bible [1537], and the Great Bible [1539], supplemented by complete editions of a Geneva Bible [1595], a Bishop's Bible [1584], a Rheims New Testament [1572], and four King James Bibles [1613, 1617, 1629, and 1762]. Several facsimile editions of important early English Bibles are also a part of the exhibit. Narratives in each case and item descriptions tell the story of this important Bible translation work. The collection will be on display through the end of June. Information about the exhibit can be viewed at the [Gallery website](#).



Library seating upgrades continue

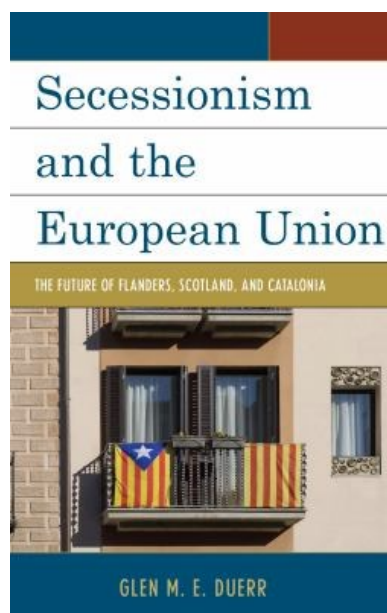
During spring 2014, a four-year plan was implemented to replace all the original reading table chairs purchased in 1987 when the Centennial Library was built. Many of the original chairs, after 27 years of use by college students, were beginning to deteriorate structurally and visually. The project was completed on the upper level in 2015. This February, the project to replace the chairs moved to the lower level with the delivery of 65 new reading chairs. As well, four sets of high top tables and chairs were placed at the windows on the lower level overlooking the lake; this mirrors the same type of furniture located at the windows overlooking the lake on the upper level. The intent is to complete the replacement project in spring 2017.



Morris chairs donated by friends of the library

John and Sharon Donley of Dayton, Ohio, recently donated two Morris style chairs to the Centennial Library in memory of their parents. John is an alumnus of Cedarville. Though this style of chair, an early type of recliner, originated in England in the 19th century, Morris chairs in America reflect the arts and crafts style of the early 20th century. The chairs given to the library, handcrafted by Amish furniture makers, are finished and upholstered specifically to integrate well with the other furniture in the library. Since the arrival of the chairs over Christmas break, many students have been observed reading and studying in the comfortable seats with their feet up on the stools.





University Faculty in Print

Recognizing Faculty Scholarship

Glenn M. E. Duerr, *Assistant Professor of International Studies*

Secessionism and the European Union: the future of Flanders, Scotland, and Catalonia
Lanham, Maryland: Lexington Books, 2015. 212 pages.

Secessionist political parties in a number of countries have been popular and somewhat successful with inroads into local, regional, and even national governments, but have generally been unable to win the support of others outside their particular ethnic or political group. This book by Glen Duerr investigates how three different secessionist movements are addressing the issue of secession and independence. Why have the secessionist movements within three member states of the European Union—Flanders in Belgium, Scotland in the United Kingdom, and Catalonia in Spain—not been able to break through to independence? The author carefully examines the reasons behind the success of these secessionist movements, while at the same time addressing those influences within the European Union that have deterred their ability to attain secession.

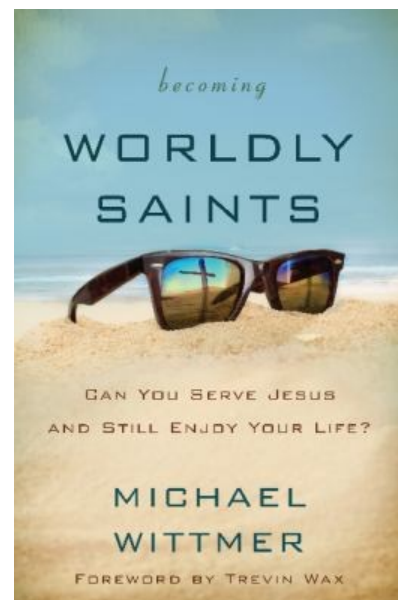
University Alumni in Print

Carrying the Torch to Their World

Michael Wittmer (*Class of 1989*)

Becoming worldly saints: can you serve Jesus and still enjoy your life? Grand Rapids, Michigan, Zondervan, 2015. 206 pages.

Is there a tension between the pleasures on earth and the eternal purposes in heaven? According to the writer of the foreword to this book, the faithful Christian lives in a paradox—our faith is both world-affirming and world-denying. “World-affirming in that we believe that the world’s structures are fundamentally good, a part of God’s creation now longing to be restored. World-denying in that we believe the world’s systems are pervasively evil, firmly opposed to God and His loving rule and awaiting His judgment.” The conclusion of the author is that world-affirming and world-denying Christianity are two sides of the same coin. Bringing our human and Christian lives together, the author helps us understand that it is possible to serve Jesus Christ and still enjoy our earthly lives—saints who move effectively in this world. Michael Wittmer is a professor of systematic theology at Grand Rapids Theological Seminary in Michigan.



Spring break library hours

The following are the public hours for the Centennial Library for Spring break. Please plan your schedules accordingly.

March 4	Close at 5:00 p.m.
March 5 - 6	Closed
March 7 - 10	8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
March 11 - 13	Closed
March 14	Resume regular hours